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Camden County Fire Rescue Awarded Critical Lifesaving Upgrade From Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation®

The national nonprofit has provided more than \$57 million to hometown heroes to date

Woodbine, Ga. - Camden County Fire Rescue (CCFR) has been named a 2021 grant recipient by Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation®. Camden County is safer than ever thanks to the Foundation providing important funding in the amount of \$16,680. The grant will be used to purchase 12 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and accessories and will ensure our community is safer and better prepared for emergencies.

"We're so thankful for the support from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and our local Firehouse Subs restaurant in Kingsland," said Camden County Fire Rescue Chief Terry Smith. "The AEDs will help us as we continue to serve the Camden County community."

During the most recent grant cycle, the Foundation awarded 118 grants in total to public safety organizations across the country. The 118 grants total more than \$2.5 million put toward critical lifesaving equipment, a new record for the most money ever awarded in a single quarter.

The new AEDs will replace the existing devices on CCFR's fleet of fire engines as well as those available through the Borrow an AED program. Since 2011, CCFR has made AEDs accessible to the public through this program which is free for Camden County residents. Contact Fire Rescue Headquarters at 912-729- 3911 or visit www.camdencountyga.gov/AED for more information.

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To donate and learn more about Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation visit their website at: www.FirehouseSubsFoundation.org.



From Left:

Commissioner Lannie Brant, Commissioner Trevor Readdick, Chief Terry Smith, Chairman Gary Blount, Operations Chief Lisa Boyett, Vice-Chair Ben Casey, Grants Manager Julie Haigler, Commissioner Chuck Clark, and local Firehouse Subs Franchisee Fred Thomas.

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ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs Founders established the 501(c)(3), non-profit Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The charity provides funding resources, lifesaving equipment, prevention education, and training and disaster relief support to first responders and public safety organizations. Since inception, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than \$57 million to hometown heroes in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is honored to be listed as a four-star nonprofit organization by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. This is their highest designation. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors. More than 70% of the funds raised for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation come from the generosity of Firehouse Subs guests and the restaurant brand. Please consider supporting a Firehouse Subs restaurant near you.

ABOUT CAMDEN COUNTY

Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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